

authorized in 2016 under the 21st Century Cures Act, the goal of the IECMH program is to improve outcomes for children, from birth up to 12 years of age, by developing, maintaining, or enhancing infant and early childhood mental health promotion, intervention, and treatment services.

Since 2018, SAMHSA has provided \$20 million in funding to support infant and early childhood mental health programs across the country. This funding has been used to train the mental health workforce and provide screenings and referrals for evidence-based mental health services for children and families. To date, grantees have trained nearly 10,000 mental health professionals and screened over 17,000 children and families.

Reauthorizing the IECMH program will allow SAMSHA to continue this important work to address childhood mental health through fiscal year 2027. The bill also includes a \$30 million increase in funding to expand these services and would allow SAMSHA to provide technical assistance to grantees, either directly or through grants or contracts to nonprofit entities. Language to reauthorize the IECMH program was included in the Supporting Children's Mental Health Care Access Act of 2022 introduced by Representatives KIM SCHRIER and MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS, which was included in the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act that passed out of the House in June 2022. I urge my colleagues to support this bill so we can continue to address the mental health crisis among our children.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 5274. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees relating to claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes;

to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 5274

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. REINSTATEMENT OF PENALTIES FOR CHARGING VETERANS UNAUTHORIZED FEES RELATING TO CLAIMS FOR BENEFITS UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

Section 5905 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “Penalty” and inserting “Penalties” (and conforming the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 59 of such title accordingly);

(2) by striking “Whoever” and inserting the following:

“(a) WITHHOLDING OF BENEFITS.—Whoever”;

and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) CHARGING OF UNAUTHORIZED FEES.—Except as provided in sections 5904 or 1984 of this title, whoever solicits, contracts for, charges, or receives, or attempts to solicit, contract for, charge, or receive, any fee or compensation with respect to the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of any claim for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary shall be fined as provided in title 18.”.

**SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON ATTORNEY FEES FOR FEDERAL CAUSE OF ACTION RELATING TO WATER AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA.**

Section 804 of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-168; 28 U.S.C. 2671 note prec.) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(k) ATTORNEY FEES.—

“(1) LIMITATIONS.—No legal representative of an individual who brings an action under subsection (b) or who presents a claim under section 2675 of title 28, United States Code, pursuant to subsection (h) shall charge, demand, receive, or collect for services rendered in bringing such action or presenting such claim, fees in excess of—

“(A) 20 percent of an award, compromise, or settlement made or reached within 180 days after presenting a claim under section 2675 of title 28, United States Code, pursuant to subsection (h); and

“(B) 33.3 percent on a claim that is resolved by settlement, compromise, or judgment after the initiation of an action.

“(2) TERMS FOR PAYMENT OF FEES.—Any judgment rendered, settlement entered, compromise made, or other award made with respect to an action brought under subsection (b) or a claim presented under section 2675 of title 28, United States Code, pursuant to subsection (h) by a legal representative of an individual shall require the following:

“(A) All funds from the judgment, settlement, compromise, or other award shall be deposited into an account held in trust for the individual in accordance with all applicable provisions of State law.

“(B) The legal representative shall—

“(i) once any funds described in subparagraph (A) have been deposited into an account pursuant to such subparagraph, notify the individual of such deposit; and

“(ii) promptly deliver to such individual such amount of such funds as the individual is entitled to receive.

“(C) That no funds shall be paid from the account described in subparagraph (A) to a legal representative of the individual as compensation for services rendered to such individual until the relevant funds from such account have been disbursed to the individual in accordance with subparagraph (B).

“(3) PENALTIES.—

“(A) FEE LIMITATIONS.—Any legal representative who charges, demands, receives, or collects for services rendered in connection with an action under subsection (b) or a claim under section 2675 of title 28, United States Code, pursuant to subsection (h), any amount in excess of that allowed under paragraph (1) of this subsection, if recovery be had, shall be fined not more than \$5,000.

“(B) TERMS FOR PAYMENT.—Failure of a legal representative subject to paragraph (2) to comply with a requirement of such paragraph shall be punishable consistent with the penalties provided in section 2678 of title 28, United States Code.

“(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to annul, alter, affect, or exempt any person from complying with the laws of any State or locality with respect to the practice of law, except to the extent that those laws are inconsistent with any provision of this subsection,

and then only to the extent of the inconsistency.”.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 5277. A bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 5277

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Fair Elections Now Act of 2022”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

**TITLE I—SMALL DONOR INCENTIVE PROGRAMS**

Sec. 101. Sense of the Senate regarding small donor incentive programs.

**TITLE II—SMALL DOLLAR FINANCING OF SENATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS**

Sec. 201. Eligibility requirements and benefits of fair elections financing of Senate election campaigns.

Sec. 202. Prohibition on joint fundraising committees.

Sec. 203. Exception to limitation on coordinated expenditures by political party committees with participating candidates.

**TITLE III—RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**

Sec. 301. Petition for certiorari.

Sec. 302. Electronic filing of FEC reports.

**TITLE IV—REVENUE PROVISIONS**

Sec. 401. Freedom From Influence Fund revenue.

**TITLE V—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Sec. 501. Severability.

Sec. 502. Effective date.

**TITLE I—SMALL DONOR INCENTIVE PROGRAMS**

**SEC. 101. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING SMALL DONOR INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.**

It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should take steps to allow more Americans to fully participate in our democracy through authorizing publicly financed small donor incentive programs, including small-dollar voucher programs that broaden and diversify the number of Americans who are able to have their voice heard in the marketplace of ideas.

**TITLE II—SMALL DOLLAR FINANCING OF SENATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS**

**SEC. 201. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS OF FAIR ELECTIONS FINANCING OF SENATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“TITLE V—FAIR ELECTIONS FINANCING OF SENATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS**

**“Subtitle A—General Provisions**

**“SEC. 501. DEFINITIONS.**

“In this title: